

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the official communication mailed September 26, 2006. After entry of this Amendment, Claims 1 and 41-44 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant's earlier traverse in response to a restriction/election was not found to be persuasive so that the restriction was made final in the present office action. Applicant reserves the right to present and prosecute these claims without prejudice or limitation in a related application. Claims 29-40 are pending in the application and are in condition for allowance. Claims 1-28 and 41-44 have been cancelled. In view of the foregoing, the applicant submits that the claims pending in the application comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.144 and Applicant requests the case to issue. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel at (650) 838-4367 to arrange for such a conference. No fees are believed to be due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment in fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2207 (Attorney Docket No. 59472-8013.US02).

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